



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** LUHR CREEK FISH PASSAGE AND STREAM ENHANCEMENT

**Description of Proposal:**

This project removes an undersized culvert pipe (18') and replaces it with a 20' clear span bottomless culvert in the intertidal zone. Luhr Creek has been dammed about 600 feet up from the perimeter Coastal Road on McNeil Island and was used for many years from the reservoir as a water source. The dam will be removed including a concrete flume and remnant pumps, pump houses, and a catch basin will also be removed. The creek will be moved from the flume where it currently flows to a new constructed channel to the south that will reduce the risk of the creek undermining the bank where the current pump house sits. A reinforced riffle will be added to the south channel's entrance in to the historic channel to reduce migration and cut.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**Location of Proposal:** McNeil Island, Washington, Pierce County; Section 17, Township 20 North, Range 01 East WM

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **January 28, 2013**

**Method of Comment:**

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Bob Zeigler

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** January 11, 2013

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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